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## THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

### Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

A newspaper published in Madrid is printed on linen, which may be washed and used afterwards as a handkerchief.

There has been most wonderful improvement in railroad travel during the past few years. Formerly the fastest travel and best equipped systems were at the North, but of later years the South is putting in about as good work in this as can be found anywhere.

The authorities of the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore have prepared a cold storage room in which to keep dead bodies for the use of medical colleges in winter. This is indeed a progressive age, and truly no one can conjecture what will be happening all about us ten years hence. As surely as time glides by there will be developments in that time not dreamed of now.

The ravages of the yellow fever in Cuba have made the land a grave yard for the young men of Spain. It is said that the destructiveness of the fever there this summer has been greater than it was last year. Thousands of Spanish soldiers have been prostrated by the fever and more than one tenth of the army have been sent to the hospital. All these things seem to work against Spain and to favor Cuba.

When shall men be and think alike? is a question which some are asking. A writer in the Cosmopolitan says: "I have no doubt but that within a century every man on the face of the globe will wear a top hat and swallow tail coat. And the minds of men will come to resemble their costumes." All of which seems to us improbable. It is true that as the nationalities and races mix more they will become somewhat alike, but we believe God has made some distinctions that the attrition of all time cannot wear away.

The cotton manufacture of the country must eventually move to the cotton fields. Those who recognize this first will be in the best position to take advantage of the situation. Already quite a movement has been made in this direction and it must necessarily continue, and the movement will gather strength. It is in accordance with the laws of economy in business, which the people of this age are fast learning. The nearer the mills to the fields of production the less the cost to procure the staple, and therefore the greater the profit to the manufacturer. And manufacturers will learn this sooner or later.

Catholic Spain is truly a study for Protestant Americans. During a recent drought the worshippers of San Isidro, the patron saint of Madrid, wished to have the ecclesiastical authorities to work miracles in the bringing of rain. They watched the clouds as the weeks went by and became anxious. When they saw in the heavens some signs of rain they announced that the bones of the patron saint would be brought out, and the faithful were urged to swell the procession. But the clouds that had been gathering two or three days broke up, and the sun looked out again from a brazen-like sky.

It was too much to expect the bones of the patron saint of Madrid to bring rain out of such a sky, and so the authorities suddenly announced that it had not occurred to them that a bull fight had been organized for the same day and hour, and they did not wish the faithful ones to lose the pleasure of the bull fight while following the procession. They therefore declared they had decided to postpone the procession for the time, and the bones of San Isidro remained undisturbed that day.

After long waiting nature came to the rescue, the clouds hung over the land full of water, the bones of the patron saint were brought out and the rains fell freely. Such is Catholic Spain. They set the fable but few believe it.

## ON THE DEEP.

### A TRIP ACROSS THE SEA.

#### Many Places of Interest Visited.

The first foreign city I visited after leaving the United States was St. Michaels. This city belongs to Portugal and is a lovely city. It is celebrated for its fruits and wines. It is one among the oldest cities in the world. It has several large forts.

Now we come to Gibraltar. This city is owned by the English and is one of the strongest fortified places I ever saw and commands the entrance to the Mediterranean. There are more than 7000 soldiers stationed there and it is the main coaling station for ships going through the Suez Canal and a great source of revenue to the English government. It is jealously guarded by the pick of the English army. The main land can be reached by a small bridge leading into a small village called "Spanish Town," for its inhabitants are all Spaniards. A pass is demanded by the soldier on guard at all times when you wish to leave the island to visit "Spanish Town." The Spanish ladies are beautiful and are very small.

Malta was the next city we visited and is the main rendezvous of the Mediterranean fleet and is strongly fortified and garrisoned by 3,000 English soldiers. It has a splendid harbor which is entered through a very narrow channel. The natives are a very thrifty race, and the bargains they make in trading &c. would be a credit to the "Yank," as they call us. The place still shows effects of the bombardment that was administered by the English years ago.

From Malta we arrived at Port Said, Egypt. This city is a western entrance to the Suez Canal and is owned by the Egyptians. It is situated on a low, sandy flat, with no drainage. The traffic passing through the place is enormous and it is the "jumping off place" for tourists visiting the Pyramids and other lovely places in Egypt. The inhabitants resemble our colored people very much. There are a few who can speak the English language.

Esmalia is the next city we visited. This place is a beautiful little city with wide, clean streets fronting the sea. It is a resort of the Khidive, and his yacht is kept there most of the time. It is a beautiful vessel of ample proportion and good speed. The trees are decked with beautiful foliage and it is the nicest city I ever saw. Now we come to Suez City, which is at the eastern entrance of the Suez Canal. It is a small, dirty little place. A large garrison of Egyptian soldiers is stationed there and two ancient men-of-war were anchored in the harbor at the time of our visit there.

We are now at the island of Perim. This island is owned by the English and is used for a coaling station for ships. There are about 700 people on the island. There are only 14 white people and 686 Arabs. There are also thousands of goats, camels, and bullocks, on the island.

Now we are in the city of Colombo, Ceylon. This place is also owned by England and is a source of great revenue. One would be surprised to see the manner in which the English have beautified the city. There are broad clean streets, splendid for driving. Bananas, coconuts, cinnamon and tea are to be seen growing in and around the city. The natives are of a dark color and they are kept under good control by the English soldiers.

Now we come to a small town, Penang, we being here only three hours waiting for our mail to come on board. I cannot describe it beyond the fact that it is an English port. It is a beautiful little town and is situated on the water front.

We are now at the city of Singapore. This is an English port of great importance. It is the center of the opium traffic and great canning industries are carried on here. It is also a great coaling port. There is a large garrison of soldiers here. In former days it was a rendezvous for pirates, but that has been broken up.

We have arrived at Saigon, and it is a beautiful city. It is owned by the French and has nice, broad streets, bordered with lovely shade trees. A large botanical garden, filled with all the animals and vegetation peculiar to the country. In this garden I saw one of the largest black bears I ever saw. The French hospitality was shown us during our stay, and a ball was given on board of our ship and it was attended by the Governor and his staff. We "Yanks," as they call us, were treated very nicely by all and they were sorry to have us leave the

city. Our ship during the ball looked like a flower garden. They sent the flowers from the city in pots and placed them in rows all over the ship which was lighted up with electric lights. There are a few Chinamen who reside there and seem to be doing very well. Our stay there was highly appreciated by the natives.

We are on our way to Hong Kong, China, and our ship is gliding through the sea so nicely. Will write you again on my arrival there.

C. T. CURRIE.

### Fewer Saloons.

Atlanta Journal.

There has been a desired decrease in the number of liquor saloons in this country in the past few years. This is due to various causes. In the South the sale of intoxicating liquors has been prohibited in a great many counties while nearly all the cities have adopted a system of high license and have restricted more closely the limits within which licenses are granted.

But the decrease in the number of saloons is not restricted to the South; it extends to all sections.

Under the Raines law the number of licenses is so limited that the number of saloons in New York has been greatly reduced. Similar results are seen however, in States and cities where there is no law limiting the proportion of the saloons to the population. One hundred of the 900 liquor dealers in Louisville have failed to renew the licenses this year. Chicago has 1,000 fewer saloons this year than last.

The Pittsburg Leader says that the sheriff has been kept busy in that city recently levying executions on liquor saloons. The Wine and Spirits Gazette is authority for the statement that in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and other Western States, where the Raines law is unknown "saloons are closing by the thousands." Similar reports come from many other States.

The Wine and Spirits Gazette is convinced "that the retail liquor trade of the saloon business, which is the same thing, is much overdone. There are more saloons in all our great communities than there is business for. Of course they can not all live. The weaker ones must go under, whether subject to the Raines law, the Dow law, the Nicholson law, or Neill Dow's prohibition law."

The Journal recently published statistics showing that the consumption of whiskey has decreased greatly in the United States within the past five years, but the consumption of malt liquors has largely increased.

It has, however, the uniform testimony of saloon keepers in all parts of the country that there is not as much money in their business now as there was a few years ago.

### Will You be Ready?

Talmage.

That day of trial will come very suddenly. The farmer will be at the plough, the merchant will be in the counting-room, the woodman will be ringing his axe on the hickories, the weaver will have his foot on the treadle, the manufacturer will be walking amid the buzz of looms and the clack of flying machinery, the counsel may be at the bar, pleading the law, the minister may be in the pulpit pleading the Gospel, and the drunkard may be reeling amid his cups, and the blasphemous with the oath caught between his teeth.

Lo! The sun hides. Night comes down at mid-noon. The earth shudders and a city sinks as a crocodile would crush a child. Mountains roll in their sockets and send down their granite cliffs in avalanche of rock. Rivers pause in their chase for the sea and ocean, uprearing cries to flying Alps and Himalaya. Beasts bellow and moan and snuff up the darkness. Clouds fly like flocks and swift eagles. Great thunders beat and boom and burst. Stars shoot and fall. The Almighty, rising on His throne, declares that time shall be no longer, and the archangel's trumpet repeats it till all the living hear, and the continents of dead spring to their feet, crying: "Time shall be no longer!" Oh, on that day will you be ready?"

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## PLUCKY WOMAN.

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#### Women Hold Their Own.

Leslie's Weekly.

There is a growing feeling that the average woman may be relied upon to make her way wherever she is given an opportunity to fairly compete with the average man, especially in those employments which require acuteness of intellect, and do not demand any great expenditure of physical strength. We find women nowadays in practically all spheres of activity, and they are demonstrating more and more their capacity for affairs. Secretary of Agriculture Morton has recently given some very direct testimony in support of the theory here stated. He states in the civil-service examinations which have been had in connection with appointments to positions in the Agricultural Department, the female candidates in most cases pass better examination than the men; and he adds that they do their work equally well, if not better than the men, when assigned to duties of the same character. He instances the fact that at the last civil-service examination held in his department for the purpose of securing two male assistants in the library, eight women, who were not invited to participate, appeared, together with thirty men, and being allowed to take their chances with the latter, every one of them passed, while every one of the men failed. The secretary very properly appointed two of the women, although the advertisement announcing the examination had expressly stated that only male candidates would be considered eligible.

The facts stated by Secretary Morton go to confirm the results which have been attained in institutions of learning where co-education exists. The results of the examinations at Banard during the recent season attest in every respect the intellectual quality of women in certain of the more useful studies. There are, of course, people in the world who do not like this aspect of affairs, and who will very reluctantly surrender the notion that woman should not be given an equal chance in the race of life; but it goes without saying that in view of the results of experience as they are accumulated year after year, the most ultra-conservative will at last be driven from his stronghold, and by common consent the sexes will have equal opportunity for the utilization of their powers in the service of mankind.

### A Housekeeper Should Know

That salt should be eaten with nuts to aid digestion.

That milk which stands too long makes bitter butter.

That rusty flatirons should be rubbed over with beeswax and lard.

That it rests you in sewing to change your position frequently.

That a hot, strong lemonade at bedtime will break up a bad cold.

That tough meat is made tender by laying a few minutes in vinegar water.

That a little soda water will relieve sick headache caused by indigestion.

That a strong cup of coffee will remove the odor of onions from the breath.

That a cup of hot water drunk before meals prevents nausea and dyspepsia.

That well-ventilated bedrooms will prevent morning headaches and lassitude.

That one in a faint should be laid flat on his back; then loosen his clothes and let him alone.

That consumptive night-sweats may be arrested by sponging the body nightly in salt water.

That a fever patient can be made cool and comfortable by frequent sponging off with soda water.

That cold tea should be saved for your vinegar barrel. It sours easily and gives color and flavor.

That to beat the whites of eggs quickly, add a pinch of salt. Salt cools, and cold eggs froth rapidly.

That the hair may be kept from falling out after illness by a frequent application to the scalp of sage tea.

That you can take spots from wash goods by rubbing them with the yolk of eggs before washing.

### Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, approach Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

## Lumber Used in Box Making.

### Northwestern Lumberman.

In a discussion of the amount of lumber used in the making of boxes, Barrel and Box, a paper recently started at Louisville, is authority for the statement that a certain Chicago soap concern uses every year \$105,000 worth of white pine soap boxes in Chicago and \$80,000 worth of cottonwood boxes at St. Louis. The total number of boxes used by this company last year was 1,541,666. Another Chicago concern uses 1,500,000 boxes every year. The firm operates its own box factory at Rhinelander, Wis. There are fifty other soap manufacturers in this country, and Barrel and Box estimates that altogether 150,000,000 boxes are used in packing soaps alone. Two of the larger soap manufacturers expend each year \$400,000 for boxes. If 3,000,000 boxes cost \$400,000, 150,000,000 boxes would involve the expenditure of \$20,000,000 for soap packages alone. Continuing the calculation through the vast range of packing-box demand, which involves almost every industry known to man, we can imagine how enormous is the expenditure in its grand total, and what an amount of lumber is consumed in its manufacture. It is evident that the making of boxes furnishes the largest percentage of the demand for the coarser and common grades of lumber, and that as the years pass, there will be a sure outlet for low grade white pine, cottonwood, yellow pine, and all other lumber that can be worked into boxes.

### How the Cricket Saved the Ship.

Nineteenth Century.

Just as Alvar Nunez's vessels were almost on the rocks a cricket commenced to sing, which cricket a sick soldier had put into the ship at Cadiz, being anxious to hear its music; and for the two months which our navigation had endured no one had heard it, whereat the soldier was much enraged; and as that morning it felt the land (sintio la tierra) it commenced to sing, and the music wakened all the people of the ship, who saw the cliffs, which were distant almost a cross-bow shot from where we were; so we cast our anchors and saved the ship; and it is certain that if the cricket had not sung, all of us 400 soldiers and thirty horses had been lost.

Some of the crew and soldiers accepted the occurrence as a miracle from God, but Nunez himself is silent on this head, being a better observer of natural history than a theologian.

But, "from then and sailing more than a hundred leagues along the coast always every evening the cricket gave us his music, and thus with it we arrived at a little port beyond Cape Frio, where the Adelando landed and unfurled his flag, and took possession of the country for his majesty."

A bad marriage is like an electric machine; it makes you dance but you can't let go.

Rice paper is not made from rice, but from the membranes of the breadfruit tree.

Rain has never been known to fall between the two lower falls of the Nile

### Saved the babies.

Mr. J. T. McAlister, Atlanta, Ga., says: "Last June Germetuer saved our baby, Paul, carried him safely through an extremely bad case of dysentery and teething, and from a mere skeleton of skin and bones, it has made him a great big solid chunk of thirty or thirty-five pounds."

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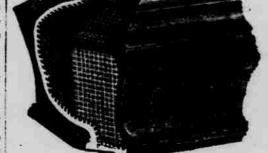
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